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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH WALDHEIM

1. DURING LUNCHEON WITH SECRETARY APRIL 25, UNSYG WALDHEIM DESCRIBED PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS AND OUTLOOK FOR TALKS ON CYPRUS BEGINNING ON APRIL 28 IN VIENNA. SECRETARY PROVIDED WALDHEIM A FILL-IN ONHARTMAN DISCUSSIONS. SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE AND SYGIN ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT ON LIMITED PROSPECTS IN OPENING ROUND, SAID WE WOULD BE FOLLOWING TALKSWITH DEEP INTEREST, AND ASSURED SYG OF OUR READINESS TO FACILI-TATE TALKS INANY WAY WE COULD.

2. WALDHEIM INDICATED HE DID NOT EXPECT MAJOR RESULTS FROM VIENNA MEETINGS BUT EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING NEGO-TIATION PROCESS UNDERWAY. AS MEANS OF FACILITATING FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGES, HE INTENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON INFORMAL MEETINGS, WITH ONLY ONE FORMAL SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 28,
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FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL MEETINGS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS ON THAT

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DAY AND TUESDAY, LEAVING WEDNESDAY FREE FOR CONSULTATIONS, WITH FURTHER INFORMAL MEETINGS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AND ADJOURNMENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 3.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S QUERY AS TO FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS, SYG SAID THAT THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS TABLED IN NICOSIA IN EARLY FEBRUARY PROVIDED A

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND HE WOULD SEEK TO GET FOCUS ON THESE AS A MEANS OF FINDING POSSIBLE AREAS OF COMPROMISE. PRINCIPAL ISSUE OBVIOUSLY WAS ONE OF TERRITORY AND POSSIBILITY OF ULTIMATE AGREEMENT ON A BIZONAL CYPRUS. PROBLEM HERE WAS MORE MAKARIOS THAN GREEK GOVERNMENT; LATTER, IN SYG'S VIEW, WOULD ACCEPT BIZONAL SETTLEMENT ALTHOUGH GREEKS HAD NOT SAID SO FORMALLY TO HIM. SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE TOO HAD IMPRESSION THAT GREEKS OPEN TO COMPROMISE PROVIDED SOME AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF AREAS INVOLVED. FOR THAT REASON, SECRETARY FELT IT WAS CLEARLY MORE IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON NATURE AND LOCATION OF AREA COMPROMISING A BIZONAL SETTLEMENT THAN ON SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE FIGURES. SYG AGREED, CITING NEW CITY OF FAMAGUSTA, MORPHOU, AND AREA SOUTH OF NEW NICOSIA-FAMAGUSTA ROAD AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

4. SYG SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO SEVERAL COMMONWEALTH LEADERS WHO WOULD BE AT JAMAICA CONFERENCE AND HAD URGED THEM TO TALK TO MAKARIOS THERE TO ENCOURAGE FLEXIBLE GREEK CYPRIOT APPROACH TO TALKS AND PARTICULARLY ON BIZONAL POSSIBILITY. SECRETARY ASSURED SYG THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO NEGOTIATE IN ANY WAY WITH MAKARIOS DURING HIS MAY 5 VISIT TO WASHINGTON BUT WE WOULD USE OCCASION SIMILARLY TO URGE FLEXIBILITY.

5. SECRETARY REAFFIRMED THAT SYG HAD FULL USG SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN VIENNA TALKS. WE WOULD NOT BE ACTIVE DURING THIS WEEK BUT STOOD READY TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY WE COULD. KISSINGER

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